

16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *Elizabeth Hill	17 *Kasia Solomianko Blair  MLK Day	18	19 *Charlie Luebbe *Bill Otto *Steve Sparks	20	21	22 *Nataliya Kravchenko
23 3rd Sunday *Gale LaWarre	24 *Bert Sheard	25	26 *Anthony Newby	27 *Pete Wanner	28	29 *Mila Luebbe *Jodi Stacey

**Music for Today's Liturgy**  
 Processional: #781  
*Lord When You Came*  
 Response: #67  
*Proclaim to All the Nations*  
 Communion: #935  
*Draw Near*  
 Recessional: #676  
*I Say Yes, Lord*



**Winner-A-Day Winners:** 1/10-1/16  
 Br. John Carey, Joyce Yock,  
 Yvonne Foley, Michael Flood, Robert  
 Dochterman, William Berlier, Sandra Digman.  
 All are \$25 winners! The Winner-A-Day Hopper  
 has lots of room. Have you purchased your tick-  
 ets yet? If not, call the parish office at 513-535-  
 2719 so your name can be in the hopper for the  
 daily drawing. If your name is drawn, the ticket  
 goes right back in so that you have the possibility  
 of winning again!



**Minister Schedule for January 23**  
Coordinator: Jeanette Tepe  
Greeters: Barbara Bok  
Lector 1: Brian Yacucci  
Lector 2: Casey Betz  
Intercessions: Karen Skillman  
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Schellinger  
Collection: Joan Callahan, Denise Ratterman

*Your life may be the only Bible some folks read.*

**Peace Prayer of St. Francis**  
 Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 and where there is sadness, joy.  
 Grant that I may not so much need to  
 be consoled as to console;  
 to be understood, as to understand,  
 to be loved as to love;  
 for it is in giving that we receive,  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



**From the Parish Office:**  
 We are working on the annual contribution let-  
 ters. These will be going out soon for those who  
 contributed \$250 or more (IRS rule). If you  
 contributed to the HVAC fund, that amount will  
 NOT be displayed in the contribution total on  
 your letter. You should have received an  
 acknowledgement for the HVAC contribution  
 that you can use for tax purposes. If you did not  
 receive the letter or misplaced it, please email Joe  
 Pearce at JoeEPearce@SFSParish.org and he will  
 send you a new letter. Remind him of the date  
 and amount if you have that information.

**Seeking Lectors and Greeters...**Please consider  
 becoming part of the parish ministries and sign-  
 ing up to be a Greeter or Lector. Greeters will add  
 to the welcoming atmosphere we always hope to  
 have. Lectors will be assigned for intercessions or  
 one of the readings at Mass. Sign up sheets are on  
 the tables as you enter church. Lectors (both new  
 and returning) are asked to join us for an **in-  
 service training on Sat. Jan. 22, 10am.** Bring a  
 beverage, baked goods will be provided.



# St. Francis Seraph Church

at Liberty & Vine, in Over-the-Rhine

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. FRANCIS SERAPH  
 THE HEART OF OVER-  
 THE-RHINE**  
 1615 Vine Street  
 Cincinnati, OH 45202  
 Office: (513) 535-2719

A Roman Catholic  
 Community of Faith  
 welcoming *all* people of faith  
 in the Franciscan  
 Tradition since 1859.

**Sacraments**  
**Baptism - Infants:** Sunday  
 during or immediately  
 following 10am Mass.  
 Expectant parents plan to  
 attend Baptismal Preparation  
 Program.  
**Baptism - Adults:** Usually  
 celebrated at Easter Vigil.  
 Preparation in stages through  
 the year.  
**Reconciliation - Sundays**  
 9:30am or by appt.  
**Anointing of the Sick:**  
 Schedule by calling the Office  
 before surgery/medical  
 procedure, or in event of  
 serious illness. In event of  
 medical emergency or death,  
 call 513-404-3688.  
**Matrimony -** registered  
 Parishioners should contact  
 the Pastor at least 6 months  
 prior to the anticipated  
 wedding date to begin the  
 process of marriage  
 preparation.



The Wedding at Cana  
 John 2:1-11




**OUR MISSION:**  
 Saint Francis Seraph is a Catholic faith  
 community. We are called to serve with and  
 among the people of Over-the-Rhine. Our  
 mission is to share the powerful love of Jesus  
 Christ, which changes lives and communities.  
 In the spirit of Saint Francis, we proclaim the  
 Gospel through worship, education and social  
 justice.


**A Short History of St Francis Seraph Parish**  
 Saint Francis Seraph Church is a Roman Catholic parish in the  
 Archdiocese of Cincinnati, established by the Franciscan Friars of  
 the Province of St. John the Baptist. In November 1858, the corner-  
 stone was laid for the present St. Francis Seraph Church, and it was  
 consecrated December 18, 1859, with the School opening the same  
 year. In 2000, the church building underwent a major remodel. The  
 social ministries of the Franciscans continued to develop into the  
 21st century, maintaining the friars historic commitment to Over-  
 the-Rhine in the area of social service. St. Francis Seraph Parish and  
 School continue the friars' parochial and educational ministry. The  
 Parish, School and Ministries are affiliated in a covenant, which  
 expresses the relationship which they share.


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We  
 Welcome  
 All  
 Visitors!



**WELCOME GUESTS!**...If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know how welcome you are, whether you have come from another parish here in the Archdiocese, from across the river, or from further reaches. Thank you for praying with us. Feel free to join us as often as you can! If you are new to the parish, parking is available in the school lot. **The school lot is closed and locked at 1pm.** There is also a parking lot on the left and right side of Moore Street. This is free parking for our parish while Sunday Mass is in session. There is also free parking in the lot at the southwest corner of Liberty and Race. At the kiosk, enter the code 4316. **You can park there until 1pm.** Help us grow! REGISTER PLEASE! if you are attending St. Francis Seraph regularly, please register yourself and your family. Forms are available on the table in church.



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**Sunday Mass**  
 10:00 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass**  
 Mon.– Fri. 8:00 a.m.  
**Holy Days**  
 8 a.m. & 5:45 p.m.

**Parish Council**  
 John D. Back  
 Nataliya Kravchenko  
 Carol Metz  
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 John Reder  
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**Stewardship - Week Ending Jan. 9**   
 Sunday Collection: \$2,316.00  
 Mail in Collection: \$ 773.45  
 Total: \$3,089.45  
 Thank you to all who contribute on Sunday and to those who send your offerings during the week. You can donate online at [sfsparish.org](http://sfsparish.org). We do not pass a collection basket during Mass.

**Upcoming Events:**  
 Jan. 18. SFS Synod Session, 6:30pm  
 Jan. 22. Lector Workshop/training 10am  
 Jan. 23. CMA announcement.  
 Jan. 27. Finance Committee meeting

 Join the Franciscans for a Come and See weekend, January 21-23, 2022. The weekend will be hosted by the Vocation Team of the US Franciscans, with an opportunity to meet friars and learn of our ministries in the Cincinnati area and throughout the United States. We will also Zoom with some of our men who are presently in formation. If you are between 21-40, a practicing Catholic and in good health, please call Fr. Greg at 662-392-3000, or email him at [thefranciscans@icloud.com](mailto:thefranciscans@icloud.com) for more information about the weekend and an initial Zoom call.

**Braver Angels**  Our sister/brother Parish, St. Clement, will be hosting a Braver Angels workshop, January 19, from 7-9:30pm. Braver Angels is an organization which is trying to bring Americans together and bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic. Many people dread political conversations with friends or family whose politics differ from their own. They worry that any attempts as political discussions will devolve into arguments, and result in hurt feeling or anger. Braver Angels “Skills for Bridging the Divide” workshop teaches skills for having respectful conversations that clarify differences, search for common ground, and affirm the importance of relationship. Everyone is welcome no matter your religious or political affiliations. For more info, you may contact Colleen Gerke, OFS, Director of Faith Formation at St. Clement Church and School, [cgerke@stclement.org](mailto:cgerke@stclement.org) or 513-641-3176. The Braver Angels website is [braverangels.com](http://braverangels.com)


*Thanks to everyone who helped de-decorate the Church, Thursday, and return to Ordinary Time.*



The Time is Always Right to Do what is Right. MLK



My Parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. This we pray.

Please contact Br. Tim or the parish office if you or someone in your family is ill or if you have a special prayer request in order to be included in our weekly prayers for the sick. 

## Pastor's Corner

*Fr. Al*

**“The first work that blessed Francis undertook, after he had gained his freedom,...was to build a house of God. He did not try to build a new one, but he repaired an old one, restored an ancient one. He did not tear out the foundation, but he built upon it, always reserving to Christ the prerogative, although unaware of it, for no one can lay another foundation, but that which has been laid, which is Christ Jesus.** From Thomas of Celano, The Life of St. Francis

In this time of Synod preparation, I found this passage to have special meaning. As we search for ways to make our Church more authentically real, we must always be aware that Christ Jesus is the foundation. We are hoping to repair or restore the Church to the 1940s, 1950s. Or some think the world of Trent and Latin Mass is a way to restore.

I prefer to think more to the earliest, ancient church, that early community of Jesus’ followers who were so inclusive, alive, enthused by Jesus’ Spirit. The more our Church today could model itself on those beginning years, I think the healthier we would be. A return to Latin and more rubrics and adherence to stale doctrines and teachings is hardly going to renew the church. I pray that the Holy Spirit will revive us. I pray that church leaders will really be listening to the wide variety of concerns that members of our churches will raise.

Our deanery will host a gathering on Saturday, Jan. 29, 9-11AM at St. Francis Xavier Church, 611 Sycamore St. There are some paper forms in the church or even better, sign up at [www.CatholicAOC.org/Synod](http://www.CatholicAOC.org/Synod). If you know someone who has distanced themselves from the

Church or feels really disenfranchised, you are encouraged to invite their participation. The Pope wants to hear from them! Prior to the deanery session, we will host a **Synod Gathering here at SFS on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 6:30PM-8:30PM. Come to the church. Masks are required for this meeting.** Rita Reichert, from our parish, is serving as one of the two deanery leaders. If you plan to attend our Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> session, an RSVP would be appreciated. Email Rita at [rcmreichert@msn.com](mailto:rcmreichert@msn.com). Registration will help us prepare some refreshments, which will be available beginning at 6pm. Even if you don’t register, you can come! There are 4 particular questions that will lead these discussions. Give some thought ahead of time to these themes:

**Describe an experience you’ve had of a group working together, respecting everyone’s contributions and growing in unity, so that you felt the Holy Spirit was really working among you.**

**What do you think is the mission of the Church, and what parts of our mission do you feel we are neglecting? What would make us more effective in fulfilling the mission?**

**What voices are not being heard in our parish, church or community? What is preventing people from speaking up, and what is preventing us from listening?**

**How do you think we can improve participation and transparency in the life of our parish, church and community? What are some first steps we can take in this direction?**